

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** January 21, 2005

**LOCATION:** Indiana Government Center-South  
Auditorium, Indianapolis

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)  
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)  
Michael Seaver (Emergency Nurses)  
Rodney Coats (General Public)  
Myron Mackey (EMTs)  
Timothy R. Sandy (Volunteer Fire)  
Michael Olinger, MD (Trauma Physicians)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Carol Sublett (Volunteer EMS)  
Bill Hufford (Paramedics)  
Tim Davie (Municipal Fire)  
Doyle Yeager, MD (Emergency Physicians)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Garvey, Deputy Director  
Brad Gavin, Agency Counsel

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodney Coats.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Myron Mackey offered a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Seaver. The motion passed. The minutes were approved as written.

**STAFF REPORTS:****EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION REPORT**

First Responders certified this date:	6,934
Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:	164
Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:	14,872
Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:	1,209
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:	23
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:	1,288
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:	110
Paramedics to be certified this date:	22
Paramedics currently certified:	2,518
Paramedics recertified this date:	377
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate to be certified this date:	2
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate currently certified:	70
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate recertified this date:	0
Temporary Certifications issued:	
EMT-B:	0
Advanced EMT:	0
Paramedic:	0
Drivers Certifications currently certified:	1239

**Michael Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Tim Sandy. The motion passed.**

Tony Pagano reported that some in-service documents are now on-line at the SEMA website. Dr. Olinger requested that the column for "Topics" be made larger on the BLS report document.

**Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the changes in the Paramedic reporting requirements pending review by the Education Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed.**

# EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Basic-Advanced, EMT-I, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization	7
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	18
ALS Non-Transport Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	14
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	4
Ambulance Service Provider	102
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport	26
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	4
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	22
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization	1

Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	8
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	50
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Advanced-Basic Organization Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	2
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	25
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rotocraft Air Ambulance	4
Ambulance Service Provider, Rescue Squad	2
BLS Non-Transport Organization	303
BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	2
BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad	2
BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	86
Rescue Squad Organization	6
Rotocraft Air Ambulance	10
<b>Total Providers</b>	<b>729</b>

**Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seaver. The motion passed.**

#### EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

EMS Vehicle Inspections:	97
Provider/Hospital Applications Processed:	118
EMS Provider Visits:	64
EMS Provider Audits:	10
Hospital Visits:	10
Hospital Audits:	00
EMT Tests Proctored	08

Sherrie Crain, EMS Operations Director, reported the EMD informational meetings were well attended. Staff has been busy with inaugural and disaster response activities. She, Troy Morgan, Bernie White, and Rebecca Blagrove responded to Hazelton in Gibson County. Debbie Watson and Mrs. Blagrove worked in the EOC. Megan Wells registered to work in the EOC but was not needed.

Ms. Crain also reported that the date for the next Medical Director's Seminar has been set for Tuesday, April 26. More details will be given at a later date. Troy Morgan was introduced as the new District Manager for District 5 and the new district boundaries went into effect on January 3.

Deputy Director Garvey introduced Roger Johnson who has been appointed the State Fire Marshal. Mr. Johnson stated that he was looking forward to a closer relationship between fire services and EMS organizations.

#### EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson reported that Fire House has been bought by ACS. He said that this would result in improvements in the software. Mr. Nelson announced that provider may now view data reports in the SEMA website. Go to:

[http://www.in.gov/sema/ems/prov\\_run.html](http://www.in.gov/sema/ems/prov_run.html)

In response to Dr. Olinger's request to run a report on use of the Epipen by BLS services, Mr. Nelson reported that out of 872,000 runs the Epipen was reported to be used less than 10 times.

**Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seaver. The motion passed.**

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

##### PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CASES

Agency Counsel, Brad Gavin presented a list of pending administrative cases. No action by the commission was required.

##### NONFINAL ORDER of DISMISSAL by the ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE *Cause No. 04-07, Robin M. Benham*

Administrative Law Judge William Teegarden reported that he has issued an order of dismissal because Mr. Benham did not appear at a hearing to appeal a staff decision.

**Gary Miller offered a motion to affirm the Non-Final Order. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed. The cause is dismissed.**

##### *Cause No. 04-03, David Ransford*

ALJ Teegarden reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Ransford's legal counsel stating that Mr. Ransford wished to withdraw his appeal. Therefore, he has issued an order of dismissal.

**Mr. Miller offered a motion to affirm the Non-Final Order. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed. The cause is dismissed.**

NONFINAL ORDER of the ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

*Cause #03-06, Christopher Goode*

ALJ Teeguarden has issued an order requiring Mr. Goode to submit proof of completion of 20 hours of approved coursework on obstetrics and is fined \$500.00. Four hundred dollars of the fine are suspended pending conformance of the continuing education requirement. The remaining one hundred dollars of the fine and proof of continuing education must be submitted to the EMS Commission on or before July 29, 2005.

**Mr. Seaver offered a motion to affirm the Non-final Order. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The order is affirmed.**

PROBATIONARY EMT CERTIFICATE ISSUED

Mr. Gavin reported that a Probationary EMT Certificate No. 87-58332 has been issued to Tamela S. Duncan.

AGENCY ISSUED ORDER

*Cause # 01-2003, Jay Michael Farlow*

Mr. Gavin reported that the agency has issued an order revoking the EMT Certificate of Mr. Farlow for a period of 7 years

**OLD BUSINESS**

REQUEST for APPROVAL to CONDUCT PILOT STUDY ON EMTs  
PERFORMING BLOOD GLUCOSE TESTING

This item has been removed from the table.

John Henderson, EMS Coordinator, Johnson Memorial Hospital, renewed his request to conduct the study for 1 year then report back to the commission.

Dr. Olinger stated that since this was a medical study, it should first be approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the hospital. Also, since it is a medical study each patient must sign a waiver allowing the procedure. He recommended that Mr. Henderson return to the hospital to see if the IRB will approve the study. Dr. Olinger reminded Mr. Henderson that the study needs to show how it improves patient outcome.

Dr. Bartkus, Indiana University School of Medicine, Department of Emergency Medicine, said he would be glad to answer any questions regarding the report he submitted on the issue.

**Dr. Olinger offered a motion to table the topic until such time that the petitioner presents a statement of approval from a hospital Institutional Review Board along with the request to conduct the pilot study. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed on a show of hands with 5 voting “for” and 2 voting “against.” The request is tabled.**

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH ADMINISTRATIVE CODE DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Crain presented the commission with a draft of the EMD proposed rules. She reported that the EMD informational meetings were well attended with 186 individuals from 135 organizations attended the meetings held around the State. Debbie Watson led the meetings and presented a power point program on the topic. The consensus from the meetings is that EMD regulation is timely and necessary but, also, an unfunded mandate. Ms. Crain stressed the need for input from the commission and organizations as soon as possible so that the draft can be finalized.

Mr. Miller stated that he has reservations about requiring EMD certification of EMS providers that are not 911 or emergency responders. He stated that the statute refers for those advertising as dispatch centers but does not mention ambulance provider organizations. He would like to see all “non 911” ambulance organizations exempted.

Dr. Olinger stated that since the intent of the statute was to ensure pre-arrival instruction, why not limit the requirements to “911” centers and PSAPS.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### 2005 LEGISLATION

Mr. Gavin reviewed for the commission legislation of interest to EMS organizations. Topics of legislation included: a moratorium for boards and commissions, paramedic licensing, police chief contracts with emergency dispatch agencies, donations for emergency medical services equipment, immunity for uncompensated health services, and statewide trauma protocols.

#### REQUEST for CLARIFICATION of KING LT-D AS A NON-VISUALIZED AIRWAY for BASIC EMTs

Donnie Woodyard, Riverview Hospital, introduced Tom McGrail and Dennis Irback of King Systems Corporation who demonstrated the use of the King LT-D airway. The device is classified as an oropharyngeal airway by the FDA. They are asking the commission to accept the device as a BLS airway. Deputy Director Garvey stated that the device meets the definition of the non-visualized airways that may be used at the BLS level.

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to declare the device an oral airway. Dr. Olinger requested that the word non-visualized be added to the motion. Mr. Mackey agreed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seaver. The motion passed. Dr. Olinger suggested that the agency counsel check to make sure the device meets the definition of non-visualized airways.**

## **EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVER REQUESTS**

### **PROVIDERS**

*Methodist Hospitals, Gary, 836 IAC 1-3-5, pediatric equipment and medications on a gaming boat.*

The request is a renewal of an existing waiver.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the waiver.

**Mr. Seaver offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed. Mr. Miller abstained.**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR and CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Deputy Director Garvey announced that the Fire Grant Program from Homeland Security is now available to non-fire EMS organizations. The Fire Marshal's Office will be marketing the program around the State. He also stated that he would present to the commission the agency's strategic plan for EMS at the March meeting.

Mr. Miller stated that Administar is experiencing a backlog of 172,000 claims. He also told providers that Medicaid announced they will be cutting reimbursements by 2% effective February 15.

Mr. Gavin reminded the commission that the Governor's Executive Order on Ethics applies to commission members and members of its subcommittees.

Dr. Olinger stated that he has a concern about equipment in non-transport units being safely secured. He asked that the Operations Committee be directed to study the issue for possible rule recommendations.

## **2005 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES**

Friday, March 18

Friday, May 20

Friday, July 15

Thursday, September 15 (in conjunction with annual conference)

Friday, November 18

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by INDIANA EMS COMMISSION: March 18, 2005



